COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 17th of March 1932.
4th of Meenam 1107.

The House met at half past Eleven of the clock with the President in the chair. Messrs. M. A. Chakko, A. I. Mani, K. T. Mathew. Popatalal Govardhan Lalan, P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan, A. Sankara Menon and P. I, Varugis were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Cases—Chief Court Judges, parties, etc.

638. Mr. K. Ayyappan:—Will the Government be pleased to give a tabular statement of the cases of the Chief Court for the last three years with the Judges, the contending parties, the Vakils of the parties and the decision of each case?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar—It is not possible to prepare the statement without more time.

Timber purchased—Tramway Department.

639. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) the quantity of timber purchased by the Tramway Department from the Forest Department during each of the years 1102, 1103, 1104, 1105 and 1106;

(2) the purposes for which they were purchased stating clearly the number of bridges constructed or repaired, buildings put up or repaired and such other works;

(3) where were the timber delivered by the Forest Department, on the hills or at Chalakkudi workshops;

(4) the quantity of timber used for each work according to the actual work done and recorded in the measurement books; the balance left unused, (poravats, etc.);

(5) has the balance quantity been taken to stock anywhere, either at the place, where the timber was delivered no the hills or workshops, if the delivery was at Chalakkudi or if on the hills after having the remnants transported to Chalakkudi; the connected records of the transactions of the different places may be placed on the Council Table, together with the Forest Department passes and invoices, if the balance quantity of the timber delivered on the hills was transported to Chalakkudi;

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(6) are the unused stock of balance timber in stock at present; if not, how they were disposed of; the records showing the different nature of disposal may be placed on the Council Table.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—

(1) 1102 Cds. 892—23— 7—3½ and 56 cft.
1103 ,, 958—14—23— 0 and ¼ ,,
1104 ,, 130—14—14— 5
1105 ,, 62— 3— 5—1¾
1106 ,, 433—11— 4—12

(2) (a) For the repairs of the bridges
1104 Bridges Nos. 166 and 142.
1105 Bridges Nos. 109, 114, 128 and 244.
1106 Bridges Nos. 78, 79, 117, 93, 97, 184, 210, 203 and 227.

In 1104, the struts of bridge No. 166 were also renewed.

(b) For the manufacture of furniture.

(c) For repairs to furniture.

(d) For the minor repairs of the several buildings at Chalakkudi, Kavalai, Vellikkulangara, Punnakuzhingara, Komalapara, Kuriarkutti and Parambikkulam.

(e) Sales in different sizes, and

(f) Miscellaneous works.

(3) At both the places *i. e.*, on the hills at the Chalakkudi workshop.

(4) (a) Bridge works. Cds. 180-0-2-3¾.

(b) Manufacture of furniture. Cds. 431-20-18-8¼ and 131 cft.

(c) Repairs to furniture. Cds. 14-2-22-9 and ⅜ cft.

(d) Original works or repairs other than furniture. Cds. 281-11-6-9¾ and 5 cft.

(e) Sale of sizes. Cds. 1561-9-11-8 and 78 cft.
Balance poravats, etc. Tons 103, Cwts. 1-31.

(5) The balance quantity of the timber delivered on the hills was transported to Chalakkudi and a portion of this was utilised for building works; the balance has been taken to stock. The timber purchased from the Chalakkudi depot was brought to the store-ledgers and all transactions therefrom are recorded in these ledgers then and there.

File Dis. 450/D/07 and the Forest Department passes and invoices are placed on the Council Table. The ledgers are required for daily use in the depot stores and hence they are not placed on the table.

(6) It is not possible to ascertain whether the particular materials are all in stock at present, since issues are being made from the stock on requisitions and regular indents for works.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were all these used as logs or as sizes?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Some of these are used as logs and others as sizes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know the approximate quantity used as logs without conversion?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I want notice for that.

Mr. T. A Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there any record to prove that the remnants were also made use of?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—There is no written record to show how much remained.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there any record to show that these *poravats* were also made use of?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I do not think there is any record.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are these *poravats* used as ordinary *poravats* or converted and used again?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—In most cases they will be used after conversion.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there any record to show how much of these *poravats* were re-sawn?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—There are no such records.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Here it is stated that some remnants were taken to Chalakkudi and used for some works. Is there any receipt or any accounts in the ledger to show that the *poravats* were used?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—No, there is no such record.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In the case of timber, is it not the general course to issue an order or receipt to saw the same? Is it not the custom?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(4) 103 tons. Is it the total balance of the total 2,500 candies?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Presumably it is so.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is this receipted—this balance?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether these *poravats* are used to be receipted before 1107, i. e., before I sent my question?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The ledgers are required for daily use. Is it one continuous book kept from 1102 to 1107?

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Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I am not sure of the method of account keeping. I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it not possible to place the other books on the table, if it is not one book?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—As I am not qnite sure of the method of account keeping, I cannot answer that question.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—If it is not one book, is there any objection to place the other books on the table?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I want notice for that question also.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(6) Is not a register kept for all the things which are disposed of?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I suppose it is kept.

Sirkar Vakils.

640. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) of the two Sirkar Vakils in the State, who is the senior; and

(b) why Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar is not confirmed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Mr. Kannan Nayar is senior at the Bar. Mr. Narayana Ayyar has more service as Sirkar Vakil.

(b) It is proposed to confirm Mr. Narayana Ayyar.

Director of Public Instruction's Memo to Heads of Schools.

641. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table copies of (1) the memo issued by the Director of Public Instruction to the Heads of Schools in Trichur referred to in the answer to question No. 248 (sub-division 5) of the Legislative Session of 1107; (2) copies of the report of the Headmaster, Trichur High School in reply to this memo; (3) the notice issued by the Headmaster referred to in the same answer, (4) of the orders issued by the Director to the Headmaster?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—1 to 4. Copies appended. (*Appendix I*).

Reserve Forest lands.

642. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. whether there is a proposal to exclude lands from the Reserve Forests in Kodasseri and to assign the same to one Mr. Hooper;

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